

SB 5867-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to permit, on a limited and pilot basis, selected community and technical colleges to award baccalaureate degrees. At the same time, the legislature reaffirms its longstanding policy that the primary mission of a community college is to serve as a two-year institution of higher education that offers basic skills, academic transfer preparation, work force training, and personal enrichment opportunities while the primary purpose of the state's technical colleges is to respond to the work force needs of employers and labor.

Directs the college board to select three pilot community colleges and one technical college to develop and offer programs of study leading to a baccalaureate degree.